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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNESCO, PFOR, PINT
SUBJECT: US PERMDEL RECEIVES VENEZUELAN LETTER RE-
BUTTING ALLEGATIONS THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ
HAD RECEIVED MONEY FROM CIA

1. ON FEB. 26, US PERMDEL RECEIVED XEROXED PAGES
DATED FEB. 22, CARACAS, OF RESPONSE OF VENEZUELAN
PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FORMER PRESIDENT BETANCOURT TO
CHARGES THAT PEREZ, WHILE MINISTER OF INTERIOR, HAD
RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE CIA. ENVELOPE ARRIVED FROM
VENEZUELA'S PERMDEL TO UNESCO, AND PAGES
WERE XEROXED ON ITS STATIONARY. US PERMDEL CHECKED WITH
SEVERAL OTHER MISSIONS AT UNESCO, AS WELL AS WITH THE
EMBASSY, BUT NONE OF THEM HAD RECEIVED COPIES OF RE-
BUTTAL. FULL TEXT ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.
SPANISH TEXT BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY.

2. QUOTE: I HAVE LEARNED WITH INDIGNATION OF THE IN-
FAMOUS PLOT AGAINST THE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY OF
VENEZUELA. THIS LOWDOWN IMPUTATION AGAINST THE PRESI-
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DENT OF VENEZUELA CAN BE INTERPRETED IN NO OTHER WAY,
BY ACCUSING ME OF HAVING RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE CIA.
BECAUSE OF ALL DUE RESPECT TO MYSELF, I SHOULD NOT
RESPOND TO THIS VILE ACCUSATION WITH WHICH ONE PRE-
TENDS TO ATTACK ME MORALLY. VENEZUELA KNOWS THAT SHE
CAN BE CONFIDENT. SHE KNOWS ALSO THAT WE WILL
IRREVOCABLY DEFEND OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND REMAIN OUR OWN

MASTERS. THE NATIONALIZATION OF IRON, AND OIL, OUR UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT OF OPEC, THE SEVERE ATTITUDE, BUT RESPONSIBLY CRITICAL ONE, TOWARD THE ABUSE OF MULTI-NATIONAL CAPITALISM, AND OUR FRANK AND DECISIVE THIRD WORLD POSITION ARE THE ESSENTIAL REASONS FOR THIS UNSPEAKABLE MANEUVER AGAINST VENEZUELA, ATTEMPTING TO MORALLY DISQUALIFY ITS PRESIDENT. THE WORLD'S CONSCIENCE IS MOVED THAT THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH, WHICH PROCLAIMS THE VALUES OF DEMOCRACY THAT EXALTS THE DIGNITY OF MEN AND LIBERTY, WOULD NURTURE A ROTTEN ORGANIZATION THAT HAS, AS ITS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE, TO CORRUPT OTHER MEN AND COUNTRIES; THAT WHEN, THESE COUNTRIES DON'T BEND TO ITS WILL THEY ARE THEN THROWN DOWN IN THE MUD, ACCUSING THESE COUNTRIES OF BEING THEIR SERVANTS KNOWING THE WORLD REACTION WHICH WILL BE PROVOKED BY ANY CONTACT WITH THIS ORGANIZATION OF CRIME WHICH KNOWS NO FRONTIERS OR ETHICAL BARRIER (RESTRAINTS). THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT GAVE A UNIVERSAL EXAMPLE IN TAKING THE DECISION TO OVERTHROW A PRESIDENT, AND AT A MORE RECENT DATE PRESIDENT CARTER ASSUMED THE HIGHEST OFFICE, WHO HAS PUT EMPHASIS ON RECOVERING THE ETHICAL VALUES OF HIS GREAT NATION. THE DEEP AND NOBLE CONCEPT OF JUSTICE FOUND IN HIS SPEECHES AND DECLARATIONS CREATED AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD WHICH STRUGGLES IN THE MORAL OF MORAL DISSOLUTION WHICH STEMS FROM THE SAME GREAT CENTERS OF POWER. VENEZUELA FEELS MENACED. IT IS UNBELIEVABLE THAT THIS FALSE ACCUSATION, PUBLISHED BY ONE OF THE MOST IMPOR-

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TANT PAPERS IN THE UNITED STATES, IN THE MENTION OF THE CIA AS THE SOURCE, THAT THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT BEING PLANNED AT A HIGH LEVEL WHICH COMPROMISES THE (U.S.) GOVERNMENT. THE SINCERITY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW PURPOSES AND IDEAS IS THUS PUT TO A HARD TEST. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS OBLIGED BEFORE THE VENEZUELAN NATION, INSULTED IN THE PERSON OF ITS CHIEF OF STATE, TO HELP SOFTEN THE BLOW OF THIS INDIGNANT, "UNWORTHY" AND LYING ACCUSATION.

THE DIGNITY OF VENEZUELA AND THE HONESTY OF ITS GOVERNMENT (PEREZ) CANNOT BE THE OBJECT OF SUCH IGNOBLE ATTACKS THAT COME FROM A NATION SO OBLIGATED FROM COMPROMISE WITH A MODE OF LIFE AND WITH A CONDUCT IN THE SERVICE OF MAN AND LIBERTY. UNQUOTE. END OF DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDREAS PEREZ.

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CONTINUING IS THE DECLARATION OF EX-PRESIDENT
BETANCOURT:

"THE COUNTRY BELIEVES IN ME. NEVER HAVE I
BETRAYED IT. THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY IN MY WORD
IS MY GREATEST PRIDE AS A VENEZUELAN AND AS A PUBLIC
MAN. IT IS THUS SUPPORTED IN THIS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE
THAT ALL MY FELLOW CITIZENS OF ALL DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL
TENDANCES HAVE GIVEN ME, THAT I COME TO MAKE A PUBLIC
AND EMPHATIC AFFIRMATION. PRESIDENT CARLOS PEREZ,
NEITHER BEING MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR UNDER MY GOVERN-
MENT NOR ON ANY OCCASION, HAS RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE
INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR
PURPOSES OF THE STATE, NOR MUCH LESS FOR HIS OWN
BENEFIT. OUR AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, DR.
SIMON ALBERTO CONSALVI DELIVERED ON 18 FEBRUARY TO THE
INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES IN NEW YORK A CATEGORICAL
DECLARATION. IN THIS HE SAID, "FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A
FEW MONTHS THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS MENTIONED MALCIOUSLY
THE PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA AND THIS ATTRACTS VERY
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SERIOUSLY OUR ATTENTION. THE FIRST TIME ONE OF ITS CORRESPONDENTS IN WASHINGTON MENTIONED PEREZ AS A CHIEF OF STATE WHO HAD HAD INTERVIEWS WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORISTS. AND ON THAT OCCASION THIS PAPER DID NOT PUBLISH THE DENIAL SENT BY THE VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION. NOW THE SAME CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON, QUOTING ALSO AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE, NAMES PEREZ AS ONE OF THE CHIEFS OF STATE WHO RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE CIA DURING THE TIME THAT HE EXERCISED THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR OF VENEZUELA". AFTER DENYING WHAT THIS ANONYMOUS SOURCE SAID THROUGH THIS CORRESPONDENT, AMBASSADOR CONSALVI CONCLUDED HIS DECLARATION WITH THESE WORDS: "THIS VERSION IS ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND IRRESPONSIBLE. THIS CAN ONLY BE LINKED TO THE OSTENSIBLE CAMPAIGN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS CARRYING OUT AGAINST OPEC COUNTRIES". I AM INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA HAS ADOPTED AN ENERGETIC ATTITUDE TO CONFRONT THIS SITUATION. WHATEVER THE DECISION IS THAT OUR GOVERNMENT TAKES, IT SHOULD HAVE THE BACKING OF ALL VENEZUELANANS."

END OF DECLARATION OF EX-PRESIDENT BETANCOURT.

3. ORIGINAL TEXT ENTIRELY IN SPANISH. ENGLISH VERSION
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